

**REMARKS**

In the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated February 8, 2008, the rejections of claims 35-38, 42-64, 67, 68 and 128-135 were affirmed.

In response thereto, the subject matter of allowable claim 39, as well as intervening claim 38, has been incorporated into claim 35, to thereby place claim 35 and all of its dependent claims in allowable form. In addition, claims 66 and 69, which previously depended from claim 35 and were identified as containing allowable subject matter, have been re-written in independent form.

Claims 128-135 have been canceled.

In view of the Decision and the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been removed, and the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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